

Sci-Fi Vest



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Yarn:

Body - Pippi Knee Socks handspun bulky weight in *When Doves Cry*. Two skeins totaling approx. 150 yds.

Front collar piece – Jo Sharp cotton aran in gray.

Gauge: Pippi Knee Socks - 2.4 St./4 rows = 1” in Stockinette on #11 US needles. Gauge for Jo Sharp cotton unknown. Knit on #10 needles.

Size: Women’s Small/Medium.

This vest is knit cuff-to-cuff at first, then stitches are picked up on top and bottom to create the edging and collar. The front collar piece is made in a separate yarn and sewn on using mattress stitch.

To increase the sizing for this vest, increase the number of stitches you cast on for the armhole, and knit for more rows across the back. This thing is so amorphous it’s really hard to size up without knowing exact measurements. So that is an exercise best left to the reader. ;)

Body:

CO 46 St and join. K 3 rounds. At the end of the 3rd round, stop and turn back to continue on a WS row. We will now knit across the back “in the flat”.

P2tog (or K2tog) **twice** at the beginning and end of every row, WS and RS, until you have 22 stitches left. Then, choose only one edge on which to K2tog twice, every row, until 14 stitches are left. Then K2tog only once on that same edge for 2 more rows (12 stitches left).

Knit in stockinette until piece measures 9.5” (38 rows). End on a WS row.

RS row: Purl across

WS row: Purl across (resume stockinette)

Continue for another 23 rows of stockinette.

Repeat the instructions for the first sleeve, but with reverse shaping (all decreases become increases, making sure the shaping is symmetric). When you are ready for the last 3 rows, join and knit those 3 in the round. BO loosely.

Back collar:

Pick up stitches along top of vest from one armpit to the next. Knitting in St st, repeat the following pattern for 2”:

[R1: K2 tog, K to last 2 st., K 2 tog

R2: purl across]

Then K even in St st until collar measures 5”. K 2 rounds in a 1x1 rib and BO.

Back rim:

Pick up stitches along the bottom of the vest from just outside each armpit. K in a 1x1 rib for 2 stitches. BO loosely.

Front collar piece:

To complete the front of the collar, pick any contrasting yarn (or more of the same yarn, if you so desire). Cast on enough stitches to have 5-7" of length in your gauge. Knit in a 1x1 rib until the piece is about 3" wide. BO. Attach each end to the vest about 1" below the top of the back collar.

Finishing:

Work in all loose ends. Definitely iron the whole piece flat, as the intersections of the back rim, collar, and body will be prone to curling in. Once it's steam ironed, there should be no curling problems.

